

to all this? Surely Divine interposition appears in answer to the prayers of his people, yours and ours. Let us pray more and more earnestly for him and them, and for all that many more trophies of Divine grace may be seen in this dark land of Calabar; that many more women may escape from the bondage of corruption in which they are held; that we may have many Mary Magdalenes and other Marys to follow our Lord, if it be to his cross, and to watch at his tomb.

Baptism of a Young Man at Duke Town.—The Rev W. Anderson says,—The baptism of a young man named Ellison, took place on the 11th of November. Ellison has been a sort of retainer of the mission for six or seven years—was one of our sawyers at one time; has had, time after time, severe illness, which, I believe, has been blessed to him; is now unable for much work; has had faithful warning that his ailment and his life may both terminate together suddenly some day ere long; and he appears, on the whole, to be looking forward to, and preparing for his change.

CAFFRARIA.

GOOD NEWS, OR THE SANCTION OF GOVERNMENT GIVEN TO THE RE-OPENING OF THE MISSION AMONG THE GAIKAS.

In the *Record* for October last, it was stated that Sandilli, the chief of the Gaiikas, was willing that the missionaries should resume their labours among his people, and that the Rev Mr Cumming was waiting for the sanction of the Governor. Our readers will be much gratified to learn, from the following letter of Mr Cumming, dated 29th October, that this sanction has now been granted, and that the way is fully open for the resumption of the mission. This good news, coming, as it does, just when the Revs Tiyo Soga and Robert Johnston are preparing to go forth to that region, is fitted greatly to encourage both them and us. We accepted the offered services of these esteemed brethren, in the persuasion that the Lord would find for them in Caffraria a suitable place of labour; and it is to us an exceedingly cheering circumstance, to be assured that the field is now ready, and is waiting for them to occupy it. This, and various other considerations which might be noticed, induce us to indulge the expect-

tation that our brethren are going out with evident tokens of the divine favour, and that this mission is about to be resumed, in the new locality to which the Gaiikas have been removed, in circumstances that are full of promise.

“I have much pleasure in transmitting to you a copy of the communication which I have at length received respecting the establishment of our mission among the Gaiikas. The hearts of princes are in the hands of the Lord. Since the period when the people as well as the teachers of that mission were scattered by the desolating powers of war, an interval of much trial and anxiety has been, I believe, endured by both. All, indeed, who have in any way been interested in the existence and support of that same mission, must in a measure, have participated in feelings of a like anxiety. The cloud which has so long hung over it is now beginning to disperse; and I trust that in due time the scene will shine with a brightness more cheering and more beautiful than on any previous period of its history.

When the messenger brought the communication, it was accompanied by a pressing letter from Dunkwana, in name of the people of our mission now living at Peleton, to me, to visit them immediately, and take steps for securing the object so auspiciously granted. Their joy is exuberant that the Lord's time for favour has now apparently come. Sandilli has been inquiring why it is that I have been so long in building the hut upon the Engwali, that seals the occupation of our mission to that place. The delay connected with the Governor's sanction to his consent was the reply given to this query. The season for sowing has commenced, and many of the people desire to break up ground at the new station. Responding to the general desire thus expressed, I have made arrangements (D. V.) to go into Caffreland next week with the waggon, accompanied with Mrs Cumming.

ARRIVAL OF THE REV. WILLIAM ELLIS AT MAURITIUS.

We have the pleasure to announce that our esteemed friend Mr Ellis reached this Is and in safety, on his return from Madagascar, the 2nd December, and from his latest communication, dated the 27th of that month, it appears that he had made preparations for leaving Mauritius about the 8th of January, *en route*